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NOTICE.
LAND OFFICE at IRONTON, Mo.,
Jan. 6th, 1880.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: Christian Oestle, (Homestead 5314,) for the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 17, township 24, range east, and name the following witnesses: Joseph J. Gies, of Madison County, Mo.; and Eliza Smith, of St. Francois county, Mo.
GEO. A. MONER, Register.

He is a Candidate.

As sung by Boatwain Robeson, Major Babcock, Gen. Horace Porter, and Boss Shepherd.

He is a candidate!
For he himself has said it,
And all the fact must credit
That he is a candidate.
In spite of the tradition,
He wants that high position,
And can't afford to wait;
So, just as Blaine or Sherman,
Or Tilden or Judge Thurman,
He is a candidate!

He is a candidate!
He seeks the nomination,
And fain would seize the station
By stealing any State.
Though once he did abuse it,
And now he should refuse it,
His craving don't abate;
So it is his intention
To capture the Convention,
And remain a candidate!

He is a candidate!
His partners and his cronies
Set traps to catch the cones,
With only chaff for bait;
And all their neat negotiations
Were politic orations,
Our ears to titillate;
So, when the truth is sifted,
And when the veil is lifted,
He is a candidate!

He is a candidate!
His party can't defeat him,
And ringle a swear to seat him
High in the chair of State;
And when the throne's erected,
It cannot be expected
That he will abdicate;
So, spite of old tradition,
He shows his great ambition,
And is a candidate!

—NEW YORK SUN.

A report was made the other day by House Elections Committee in the contested case of Donnelly vs. Washburn from the Third Minnesota district, a majority of the committee favoring the unseating of Washburn. In reference to this case, the St. Paul Globe of Saturday says:

"If the action of the committee is approved by the House, as it undoubtedly will be, it will be a long step towards purging the Third Minnesota district. Probably a hundred times or more since the election of 1878, the Globe has called public attention to the fact that while many fraudulent votes were cast, there would be no effort made to prove that Washburn's majority was made up in this manner. The contest was based upon intimidation and bribery. The intimidation was especially practiced upon the workmen of Minneapolis, and the bribery permeated the entire district. Both of these charges have been overwhelmingly proven and it looks as though a just retribution was about to overtake the brazen liar."

The Grant boom meets with an occasional bumper, but like the flow of a majestic river, which although rippled sometimes with a little obstruction, it moves along all the same. At Utica, New York, the other day, the regulars chose an out-and-out Grant delegation, headed by Roscoe Conkling himself, whereupon the belligerent anti-third-termers amused themselves by getting together in a corner and adopting a resolution to the effect "that we repeat earnestly the declaration of the New York Republican State convention of 1875 of 'unalterable opposition to the election of any President for a third term,' and instruct our delegates to the convention to be held on the 25th inst. to enforce this principle in every honorable way." But when the election time comes around these same guileless people will be found voting the regular ticket. On this proposition the boomers may safely risk their "bottom dollar."

A Trojan Horse.

(From the New York Sun.)

We advise Democrats who really desire to win the Presidential election to be on their guard against a very large and lifelike Trojan horse which is now being prepared for their benefit. We refer to the outgoing from Washington to the effect that certain so-called Liberal Republicans, the Hessian Schurz among them, will bolt the nomination of Grant, call a convention of their own, and nominate an "Eastern Democrat," with a view to forcing him upon the Democratic Convention. This Eastern Democrat, all authorities agree, would be Mr. Bayard; and the Bayard organs have industriously spread the tale.

Now if there is any one thing clear, it is that Mr. Bayard is the one able and distinguished Democratic leader who cannot possibly be elected President in November. He is a Southern man, with an ugly Southern record, pushed forward within the party by obnoxious Southern leaders, and every way the very man against whom a bloody-shirt Republican campaign would sweep every Northern electoral vote.

Moreover, and still more important, Mr. Bayard was one of the authors of the unconstitutional Electoral bill, and

a member of the Electoral Commission. For this reason, if for no other, he could not poll the full vote of the old-fashioned, straight-out Democracy.

Besides all this, the Tilden wing of the party would chill on him to such an extent that he would be left stark and stiff before the election as Tilden was after Mr. Bayard's peculiar Southern friends had made their trade with Hayes for the completion of the fraudulent count in 1877.

It is manifest, therefore, that those who talk of a side movement to impose Mr. Bayard on the Democratic party do not seek the success of that party. Their purpose is very different. When nominated, whether by one convention or by both, they would leave him and the Democratic party in the scrape, and make their own terms with Grant, as Schurz and the other members of the Fifth avenue conference did with Hayes in 1876.

From Bellevue.

BELLEVUE, Feb. 14th, 1880.

Ed. Register—
So you are beginning to think winter is "counted out." Well, "how is this for high?"—mercury so short this morning could hardly see it; two degrees below zero! Does this look like winter is "counted out?"

We have had quite a number of social entertainments this winter. And we now have a long felt want supplied; have, at least, found some one—or, rather, two—who can play fast enough for the youngsters of Bellevue to dance—namely, two "Senegambians" from Caledonia.

To-night a week ago, some burglars went into Messrs. Reed & McGrady's store, and attempted to blow open the safe belonging to Judge Stephens; but failing in this undertaking, they only took a box of knives and one pair of pants. Perhaps this will explain the manner in which Messrs. McHenry & Marr's store was plundered and burnt last year.

By the way, this is election year. Presidential "third term" or not, we must have county officers as well as Presidents. We believe it would be in accordance with the wish of the people to have Mr. Robt. J. Hill for Sheriff and Collector, and Mr. M. F. Lowe for Assessor.

Should you deem this worthy of publication, I may perhaps write again in the near future.

Respectfully,
THE MINISTER'S PARROT.

From "Farmer."

Ed. Register—
I felt, when the REGISTER came in my mail three weeks ago, as if an old and valued friend, who had struck it fat, had stepped in, and it was a friendly duty, as well as a pleasure, to congratulate. May your shadow, Mr. Editor, never grow less, but larger and larger, till even Mike Dodson will plume himself and boast to his great-grand children (if the Kurnel doesn't pop him over before he gets married) that he used to phonely (he'd spell it, funny) the choicest English in is columns. Now mind, I'm talking about your paper, not your person; for if the shadow of that grew any larger, Heaven forefend that the substance should ever fall on me! There is, you know, in all things, a sort of universal harmony, or eternal fitness of things, as we sometimes call it, that makes the person incline, if he is not miserly, to plumpness, as his purse becomes plottier; and if he is a newspaper man, his paper gets thicker and broader, and he feels, on account of his broadened opportunities, that he fills a larger sphere in the world and a bigger pair of breeches than he used to do. Mr. Editor, may you use those opportunities for good and never split your breeches, is the prayer of your melancholy correspondent. You will kindly excuse an attempt to write in such a moody state of mind. I have just been forming a reply to "A Turkish Effendi," as reprinted in the *Globe-Democrat* from *Blackwood's*; and, according to that same fitness of things, after the tragedy ought to come the farce.

The wheat plant, of which I told you we had such an unusually large acreage, is not looking as well as one could wish. Stunted by the dry weather of the fall, it has had to withstand the alternate freezing and thawing of a winter that has been mild, open March weather so far. Almost every day one could hear the whistle of boats on the Illinois, and the ground has been covered with snow but once, and that did not lay on twenty-four hours. The present conditions under which a majority of men till the soil in this country, however, turn the blessings of Heaven into a curse; and we were cursed with good crops, and good prices,

for several years together, it would make the landlord ravenous; and with such a large proportion of land tilled by men who do not own it, such a result would be serious enough to amount to a calamity.

Good times have struck us here at last. After the bulk of our heavy, and superb, crop of wheat had gone into the hands of the speculators, at eighty-five cents a bushel, the price rose to over one dollar and twenty cents a bushel; and after the hog crop, which is always a large one here, had nearly all gone into the hands of packers and speculators, at three dollars and twenty-five cents per hundred, the price appreciated even more than wheat. Right upon the top of this, almost everything that farmers need jumped up at a great rate, especially iron in every form. The consequence is, that the tillers of the soil, upon whose prosperity the welfare of every other class is supposed to depend, will have to stint and economize in every possible way. The early and inevitable result of this will be, that the industrial classes must suffer, while the gambling and moneyed classes, who speculate upon, and take advantage of, the necessities of the workers, will profit greatly by this state of affairs.

Quite a number of our ex-soldiers here, are playing cat for the Greenback monkey, and he is using their paws to pull his chestnuts out of the fire. They have publicly resolved to eternally send up the spout any member of Congress who dares to exercise his better judgment and oppose or modify the Weaver soldier salary-grab bill. If the opponents of that bill would only pass a similar resolution, what a woful fix our Congressmen would be in. They would have before them but two roads, one leading to hell and the other to damnation, and the M. C.s would have to take to the woods sure enough.

Those epistles from Cross Roads that come like angels' visits, few and far between, over the *nom de plume* of "Democrat," smell of the smithy. To put on a sharp and stock a shovel, he's a ripper; but as a local correspondent, he's a little tame. He ought to nose around until he heard of somebody slipping up and breaking either their necks or noses; or catch some young Samuel playing pranks in women's clothes—something a little exciting, you know, if it's only to those in the secret. However, as "Democrat" is an old friend, I hope he'll take my jokes without getting any more riley, for I think he's pretty much all riley already. Soberly, I shall always be glad to hear from Bellevue, especially through a friend, for no well meaning man can live there as long as I did and not feel a real interest in the welfare of its citizens.

FARMER.

Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., Feb. 20, '80.

From Des Arc.

DES ARC, Mo., Feb. 16th, 1880.

Ed. Register—
I can't say that I have much to say of importance, from this place this time. You will remember that I stated in my last, that after the visit of Captain Zwart and John W. Holloman to Des Arc, real estate would advance in value. My prediction has proved true—if not in value, at least in demand. There have been several transfers since their visit. Mr. William Cool, our popular young dentist, has bought out Mrs. Judge Williams. P. M. Maddock, Esq., has bought out Barney McGee. Mrs. Charlton has purchased the Quillmontz property, through C. A. Butts, agent of Quillmontz. Clarkson & Omahundro have bought five lots from Charles Williams, for a mill site; and they have their mill about up, and will be cutting lumber in a few days. They have a good many logs already in the yard. Mr. F. M. Semands (not the old man) has purchased two lots from Chas. Hodges, Esq., of Cross Roads, and is building a hotel on them. When finished, he will entertain the travelling public in the best of style.

Dr. Ira M. Raney, late of this county, but now of Howell county, is visiting friends in Des Arc, and settling up his business. The Doctor is looking well, and says he gets plenty to eat in his new home. We have advised him to take the REGISTER, and think before he leaves, he will send you \$1.50 for the privilege of reading it for the year 1880. The Doctor is touched with Radicalism, you know, but his money is all right.

In conclusion I would very respectfully invite Captain Zwart to come again. There are a great many vacant lots in Des Arc yet for sale.

No more for the present.

Yours Truly,

UNCLE NED.

Altogether to thin—The Ice.

Editorial Notes.

The little State of Rhode Island wants to stop bribery at elections. The astonishing statement is made that \$125,000 was paid for three offices.

A disease resembling measles, frequently proving fatal, has appeared in Kansas. It is believed to have been brought from the South by the refugee negroes.

Charles De Young, brother of the man who shot Killoch, last fall, is now in Leavenworth, looking up the record of that preacher-politician. He is said to have found it very fragrant.

Col. Bob Ingersoll, who is on the go all the time, educating the moral sentiment of the Republican party, says the Chicago candidate will be either Grant or Washburn, and that the Democrats will nominate Tilden and Hendricks.

It cannot be called wonderful that Colorado is rapidly becoming a populous State when in one year's time her people have taken from the rocks and earth \$20,000,000 in shining gold and silver. Such is the record of the past year's digging.

A reverend exposé of Masonry has narrowly escaped lynching in Boston. His combined show and lecture was interrupted by yells, cat-calls and then by missiles, and further violence might have been resorted to but for the intervention of the police.

The Kentucky House of Representatives has passed a bill making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not less than \$20, nor more than \$50, for any person to use abusive or insulting language to another with intent to cause a breach of the peace.

The power of wealth in politics is well illustrated in Don Cameron. He never made but one speech, and that was only two minutes long. What he has done, or can do, is attributed solely to the length of his purse and the Cameronian style of doing things.

Capt. James B. Eads meets with a rival in the person of E. Redmond, of Rochester, N. Y., who claims that he invented the plan for a dock system of ship transit over the Isthmus of Darien, and published a description of it in 1877. Mr. Redmond will ask Congress not to listen to the plea of Capt. Eads.

Some of the Grant men in Washington assert that Grant had to fight the field in the Pennsylvania convention, and that what appeared on the surface as a Blaine boom was in reality all the forces of the opposition combined. They all rallied under the Blaine banner for the time being "to beat Grant."

A dispatch from Syracuse to the New York Herald says the Democrats of that city assembled on the fifth instant for the purpose of harmonizing their differences. All of the prominent leaders of the Tilden and anti-Tilden factions were present and resolved to bury the past and joined hands to work together in the future.

At a meeting of the Lincoln Club in New York city, last Thursday evening, the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher said: "What we want in our Government is stability and continuity. It is a point of weakness that our President holds office only four years, and it occasions unnecessary disturbance of our affairs throughout the whole country."

To which the New York Sun pertinently responds: "Yes, Mr. Beecher, it may be unnecessary for those who prefer ease to freedom. But it was a kind of disturbance of which Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and Jackson thought favorably."

It is interesting, and to many people it may be profitable, to know the comparative value of different kinds of wood for fuel. Shellbark hickory is regarded as the highest standard of our forest trees, and calling that 100, other trees will compare with it for real value as fuel for house purposes as follows: Shellbark hickory, 100; pignut hickory, 92; white oak, 84; white ash, 77; dogwood, 75; scrub oak, 73; white hazel, 72; apple tree, 70; red oak, 67; white beech, 65; black birch, 62; yellow oak, 60; hard maple, 59; white elm, 58; red cedar, 56; wild cherry, 55; yellow pine, 54; chestnut, 52; yellow poplar, 51; butternut and white birch, 43; white pine 30. It is worth bearing in mind that in wood of the same species there is a great difference, according to the soil in which they grow. A tree that grows on a wet, low, rich ground will be less solid and less durable for fuel, and therefore of less value than a tree of the same kind that grows on a dry and poor soil. To the ordinary purchaser oak is oak and pine is pine; but for house use the tree grown on dry upland, and standing apart from all others is worth a great deal more.